THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Saturday, 6th March 1954.

The House re-assembled pursuant to the announcement of the Speaker at the conclusion of the night sittings **on** 5th March in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, at ten of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI J. SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have placed before the House 23 questions and I want to finish them during the question hour itself."

Communal organizations in Malabar.

* 63 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Central Government have directed this Government recently to report about the alleged subversive activities of certain communal organizations in Malabar;

(*b*) if so, the reply sent by this Government regarding them ;

(*c*) whether the State Government has been advised by the Central Government that the Muslim League being an organization of a communal character should not be encouraged; and

(*d*) if so, whether or not the ' Joint Front ' with the Muslim League tantamounts to disregard of the guidance of the Central Government?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (*a*) & (*b*) There was no direction such as mentioned and the question of any reply does not arise. The hon. Member has perhaps got incorrect copies of some confidential official correspondence.

" (*c*) The Central Government could not and did not tender such advice and no question of the State Government encouraging the Muslim League or any other such organization can arise. A general circular was received in 1948 and this was placed on the table of the House in answer to the Legislative Assembly question put by hon. Member Sri Narayana Kurup on 27th March 1953.

" (*d*) The Central Government tenders no guidance in political work. What the hon. Member has in mind is that the Muslim League is generally on the side of law and order and is strongly opposed to the growth of power or influence for the Communist party among the Muslim section of the people in Malabar. It is open to the party to which the hon. Member belongs to work for a joint front with the

Congress organization and co-operate in reducing communal mindedness and communal politics instead of seeking a joint front with organizations whose sole object is communal politics and the intensification of communal feeling.'

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, are the Government aware of the fact that a certain understanding, a " *paraspara dharana* " has been arrived at between the Malayala Pradesh Congress Committee and the Muslim League of Malabar to contest in the past municipal elections? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" What has that to do with the main question? I am also unable to understand how the Minister or the Government can be held responsible for that? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I was just going to say Sir, that the hon. Member is unable to see the distinction between Government and party."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" The reason why I put the question is this, Sir. The Hon. the Chief Minister himself was aware of the fact . . . . "

MR. SPEAKER :—" But how is the Government or the Minister responsible for that."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" It was reported in the Press Sir, that the understanding reached between the ruling party and the Muslim League was with the knowledge of the Hon. Chief Minister who happens to be the leader of the ruling party, i.e., the Congress."

MR. SPEAKER :—" This has nothing to do with the main question."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, I again repeat that we do not believe in mixing up Government with Party. We are not a single party Government or a totalitarian Government. Party affairs must be kept quite distinct from Government."

SRI C. KANDASAMY :—" Muslim League திட்ட வட்டமாக ஒரு மதத்தைச் சேர்ந்த கட்சியாக இருப்பதினால், அது வகுப்பு வாத கட்சிதானா என்று பிரதமரிடம் தெரிந்து கொள்ள விரும்புகிறேன் ? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, the Communist party's desire apparently is that we should get a ban put upon the Muslim League. We shall consider the suggestion."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Is the fundamental object of the Muslim League to uplift the backward classes among the Muslims and not to uphold the tenets of the Prophet Mohammed? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" How is the Government responsible for all this—what the creed of the party is and all that? "

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SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" On a point of explanation, Sir. The Hon. the Chief Minister said that the Communist Party was suggesting that there should be a ban on the Muslim League. That was not at all our intention in putting this question."

Administration of special fees fund in schools.

* 64 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the headmasters of secondary schools in the State have been invested with the powers of handling the special fees fund intended for purposes such as conducting literary societies, excursions, scouting, visual education and purchase of stationery, etc. ; and

(*b*) if so, why the District Board, South Arcot, have taken the powers into their own hands?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) In the case of aided secondary schools, headmasters have been empowered to administer the special fee collections and rules have been framed in this regard. No definite instructions have been issued in the case of secondary schools under local bodies for the administration of the special fee collections. The question of framing definite rules for the purpose is separately under consideration.

" (*b*) Does not arise in view of the answer to clause (*a*) above."

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN :—" Sir, in view of the fact that such withholding of powers from the headmasters frustrates the very object of the fund and ends in mere accumulation of money in the hands of the managements without benefiting the student population, will the Government direct the managements to restrict their authority only to the auditing and scrutiny of the accounts? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I shall consider that suggestion, Sir."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, is the Hon. Minister for Education aware of the fact that there is a definite rule in the Madras Educational Rules which says that the Managements shall have no say in regard to these special fees except the headmasters, and that being the case, may I know why in the case of the South Arcot District Board schools, the District Board authorities were allowed to have a say in the disposal of these special fee collections? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, the rule referred to by the hon. Member applies to private managements. As far as local bodies are concerned, no definite rules have been framed. That question is under the consideration of the Government. I know that certain local bodies have absorbed the special fees into their general funds. We are aware of it and that is why the matter has been taken up for consideration. We shall issue definite instructions after considering the whole matter."